

## Memorandum

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To : Inland Fisheries Branch  
Region 2

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From : Department of Fish and Game Central Valleys Hatchery

Subject: Fish Rescue Operations At Eastpark Reservoir July 24th To 26th Inclusive.

We were notified around July 22nd that the water in Eastpark Reservoir was at the 15 foot maximum depth we requested. The fish rescue crew went to the reservoir on July 24th. We rented a 1000 ft X 15ft X 3" mesh seine with winch, ropes & net board from Max Odneal for 20.00 per day in use. All fish were planted in Black Butte reservoir.

No. 1 seine haul was made in the afternoon of July 24th & took 34 LMB @ 1½ lbs, 18 SMB @ 1 lb, 32 RSF @ 2/lb, 2 SKR & 12 SQ.

No. 2 & 3 seine hauls were made on July 25th, one in a.m. & one in p.m. They took 7 LMB @ 1½ lbs, 48 SMB @ 1½ lbs, 5 CCF @ 2 lbs, 24 RSF @ 2/lb, 55 BG @ 5/lb. & 500 lbs of rough fish which were 85% SQ & 15% SKR averaging 1 lb each.

No. 4 seine haul was made in the a.m. of July 26th. They took 5 LMB @ 1½ lbs, 9 SMB @ 1½ lbs, 22 RSF @ 2/lb, 10 BG @ 5/lb, 6 SKR & 20 SQ.

Total number of game fish taken was 269 weighing 235 lbs.

Not much to show for all the effort & expense involved.

Seine hauls no. 1, 2 & 3 were in clear areas, no snags. 1 & 2 near truck access over shallow area. No. 3 near dam into deep water. No. 4 in front of dam caught several snags & tore seine, very poor haul. Lake was drawn down from 15 ft to 10 ft during the time the crew was working in the area. Surface temperature was in the high 80s each p.m. Many fish were gilled in the seine & did not handle well in the warm muddy water. By Wednesday afternoon, the 26th, the nearest shore to vehicle distance was over 100 ft through knee deep mud. The shore at the original seine haul was around 150 yards from vehicle access. We will return to the reservoir when the lake is completely drained & try to get fish out of the hole below the dam.

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